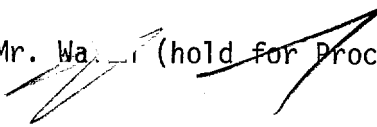
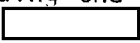




MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Wa  (hold for Proctor)

Attached for your information are 1) President Nixon's letter to Mr. Colby regarding the Agency's Annual Report for FY73 and 2)   
 fill-in on the handling of the report.

  
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

5 July 1974

Mr. Colby,

I submit this historical footnote to accompany the attached letter to you from the President of the United States.

You may recall my note of 20 March describing what had happened to your Annual Report for FY 73 and that I had delivered it to General Scowcroft on 19 March with the necessary paperwork for Dr. Kissinger to forward it on to the President and the President to respond to you.

We have reminded General Scowcroft several times that it was there and awaiting action. We had an end-of-the-fiscal-year flurry on outstanding papers and included this in the list.

I was surprised to receive the signed package today. The memorandum I had drafted for Dr. Kissinger to forward the package to the President was signed by Dr. Kissinger on 24 June--the eve of the departure for the USSR.

Obviously the President did not get to it that night so it was packed and loaded on Air Force 1 for the trip. It evidently just missed being signed in the Kremlin and was signed, I'm informed, at Yalta on 29 June!

May your FY 74 report have a more timely, serene and domestic handling!



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June 29, 1974

Dear Bill:

I want to commend you and your associates for the initiative you have shown in adopting new management directions for the Central Intelligence Agency. The steps described in your Agency's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1973 and subsequent developments support my directives of November 1971 and my expectation that you can produce better intelligence at less cost.

I realize that you face problems and budgetary pressures, but you have started on the right path. I want to encourage you to continue to make the CIA more responsive, to improve its product, and to insure that resources are applied to priority needs. I also support your efforts to extend these same goals to the rest of the intelligence community.

Sincerely,



Honorable William E. Colby  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington, D. C. 20505

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